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2. SUMMARY. BEIJING REMAINS AT A VIRTUAL
STANDSTILL AMID PERSISTENT RUMORS OF SPLITS
AMONG THE MILITARY AND FIGHTING AMONG MILITARY
UNITS. THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE LARGE TROOP
MOVEMENT LATE JUNE 6 AND EARLY JUNE 7, MOVING
FROM THE TIANANMEN AREA TO THE EASTERN SECTIONS

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OF THE CITY. THERE WERE REPORTS OF POSSIBLE ARTILLERY FIRE IN THE SOUTHWEST AS WELL. THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 7 HAVE BEEN, HOWEVER, VERY QUIET. THERE ARE SEVERAL REPORTS OF ARMY TROOPS CONFRONTING CIVILIANS ON BICYCLES AND IN CARS, APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO ENFORCE MARTIAL LAW RESTRICTIONS. THE AIRPORT REMAINS OPEN. AMEMBASSY BEIJING HAS BEEN PLACED ON MINIMIZE. END SUMMARY.

TROOP MOVEMENTS, SPORADIC FIRING

3. AMCITS AND EMBASSY OFFICERS REPORTED HEARING SPORADIC ARTILLERY FIRE BETWEEN 2000 AND 2100 HRS, JUNE 6, IN THE SOUTHWEST, THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE NANYUAN AIRPORT, THE SITE OF ALLEGED CLASHES BETWEEN DIFFERENT ARMY UNITS. WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO CONFIRM, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH CLASHES HAVE ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE.

4. EMBASSY OFFICERS REPORTED THAT BETWEEN 2350, JUNE 6, AND 0020, JUNE 7, A LARGE TROOP CONVOY, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 6 TANKS, 3 APC'S

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AND 60 TRUCKS (EACH CARRYING AN ESTIMATED 16-18 TROOPS) MOVED EAST ON CHANG AN STREET UP FROM THE TIANANMEN AREA, PAST THE SECOND RING ROAD OVERPASS, THE JINGLUN AND JIANGUO HOTELS AND THE THIRD RING ROAD OVERPASS. SPORADIC GUNFIRE WAS REPORTED IN THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. THERE WERE VERY FEW OTHER REPORTS OF GUNFIRE IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS.

5. RSO REPORTED THAT THE JIANGUO HOTEL ASKED ALL OF ITS GUESTS TO MOVE TO THE LOWER FLOORS OF THE HOTEL AND BE PREPARED TO MOVE TO THE BASEMENT AT ABOUT 2300, OR ABOUT ONE HOUR BEFORE THE TROOPS PASSED THE HOTEL. AMCITS STAYING AT THE JINGLUN HOTEL REPORTED THAT THE HOTEL HAD A POWER BLACK-OUT AT ABOUT THE TIME THE CONVOY PASSED. POWER WAS RESTORED SOON AFTER.

TROOPS ENFORCING MARTIAL LAW?

6. AMCITS AND ENBOFFS REPORTED SEVERAL CASES OF TROOPS CONFRONTING CIVILIANS ON THE STREETS LATE AT NIGHT. SOLDIERS IN THE JIANGUOMENWAI AREA, NEAR THE DIPLOMATIC COMPOUNDS, STOPPED AND "SLAPPED AROUND" TWO BICYCLISTS PASSING BY.

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THE SAME GROUP OF SOLDIERS ALSO APPARENTLY
ENTERED ALLEYWAYS IN THE VICINITY LOOKING
FOR CIVILIANS. A CIVILIAN WAS DRAGGED OUT OF
HIS CAR AND BEATEN IN THE NORTHWEST PART OF THE
CITY, ACCORDING TO ANOTHER REPORT.

AIRPORT OPEN, FUNCTIONING

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7. THE AIRPORT CONTINUES TO REMAIN OPEN.
UNITED AIRLINES HAS A SCHEDULED FLIGHT LEAVING
BEIJING 1020 HRS, JUNE 7. UNITED INFORMS US
THAT BOTH BEIJING AND SHANGHAI AIRPORT ARE
PROVIDING ADEQUATE SERVICES AT THIS TIME.

AMEMBASSY BEIJING ON MINIMIZE

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8. AMEMBASSY BEIJING IS ON MINIMIZE AS OF
EARLY MORNING JUNE 7. LILLEY

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